



HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

January 26, 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Mission of the Holy Spirit Parish Community

As the family of the Holy Spirit Parish Community, we welcome all to our home, Christ's home. Our journey in Faith brings us together through prayer, Eucharistic celebration, support, love and caring. We commit to give generously of ourselves, our time, and talent to one another, and to all in our neighborhood.

May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort us in our never ending journey for peace and strength as witnesses for God's goodness.

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NOVENA: Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Followed by Mass at 6:15p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday beginning at 3:15p.m.(Holy Spirit Church)

Every Sunday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. (St. Margaret Church)

SICK CALLS: Phone rectory immediately in case of serious illness or accident. Also please let us know if you are confined at home and would like Communion brought to you.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory. Attendance at Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter is required.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: If you are asked to be a Godparent, please call the rectory for your letter of recommendation, which attests that you are Baptized, Confirmed, and, if married, married in the Church. Of course your weekly presence at Mass here is vital to being a good role model as Godparent.

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory to schedule your pre-Baptismal Class. Baptisms are normally celebrated on Sundays at 12:15pm, or during one of the weekend Masses.

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome all newcomers to our parish family and invite you to register as a member of the parish. Please stop by the rectory and introduce yourself!

OLD PARISHIONERS: If you are moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory by phone as soon as possible.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. (Holy Spirit)
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. (St. Margaret)
..... 9:30 a.m. (St. Margaret)
..... 11:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)
Holy Day Masses: Consult the bulletin.
Weekdays: Mon., & Thurs., 8:00 a.m.
(St. Margaret)
..... Wed., 6:15 p.m. (Holy Spirit)
..... Fri., 8:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00a.m. ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)

Wednesday, January 29

6:15p.m. ~ For the Intentions of Ken Kuminski
(Birthday Celebration) req. Family

Friday, January 31 St. John Bosco

7:30a.m. ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church

8:00a.m. ~ All Souls Intentions

Saturday, February 1

4:00p.m. ~ John LoTempio req. Leo & Ann Collura
Janet Shanahan req. Daughter & Family

Sunday, February 2 Presentation of the Lord

11:00a.m. ~ AnnMarie Missland req. Carmela Lunetta

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, February 1

4:00p.m. ~ Rosie Kieffer

Sunday, February 2

11:00a.m. ~ Anthony Taylor; Winter Lovullo



MINISTER OF THE WORD

Saturday, February 1

4:00p.m. ~ Rose Amodeo

Sunday, February 2

11:00a.m. ~ Sue Zbrzezny



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, February 1

4:00p.m. ~ Rick Amodeo; Carmela Kieffer; Eric Winegarden

Sunday, February 2

11:00a.m. ~ Liz Cook; Pat Bogdan; Anna Dickash;
Lisa Wiedemann; Phyllis Ostrowski

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 26
9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.


Wednesday, January 29
6:00p.m. ~ Evening of Recollection for Good Samaritans

Thursday, January 30
9:00 - 10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry
5:00 - 6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry
5:30p.m. ~ Adult Choir practice ~ Church

Saturday, February 1
5:00p.m. ~ Volunteer Appreciation Dinner ~ Church Hall

Sunday, February 2
9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes ~ Parish Ctr.

“Those who request weekend Masses & would like to bring up the offertory gifts, please inform an Usher before Mass.”



As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mt 4:18-19

ERIE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES VAN SERVICE is available for all seniors (over 60) who do not drive. They can be reached at **858-7433**. Seniors use this service for doctor appt., shopping etc. The suggested donation is \$3 each way. You must call the number no sooner than two weeks before your appointment. They are available to go anywhere in Erie County M-F 9:00am-3:00pm.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

Hebrews 13:16: *“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind.”*

Offertory Collection:\$3,169.00
The same week a year ago:\$2,541.00

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JAN 27 - FEB 2

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



FREE SPIRITS NEWS

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 13th @ 12noon in Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am. Join us for Lunch/50/50/bingo.

⇒ **Bake Sale** weekend of Feb. 15th & 16th.

⇒ **Feb. 25th - Seneca Niagara Casino**-Payment deadline Feb 1st. \$25 (includes \$30 slot play and buffet)

⇒ **Mar. 22nd - Lancaster Opera House** Matinee performance of Nunsensations “The Nonsense Vegas Revue” payment deadline Feb. 13th. \$38

⇒ **Jun. 2nd** Rescheduled **Best of Buffalo Double Decker Bus Tour** - Payment deadline **May 2nd**. \$48

FOOD PANTRY... Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **canned fruit; pork & beans; crackers**
WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF BROWN PAPER BAGS

Whatever you do for one of my least brothers or sisters, you do for me” (Jesus)

Team IIIA: Sr. Katherine Marie; Joan Grieco; Tom Loncto; Michael McGee work 1/30/20 9am - 10am.
Team IIIB: Carol Kimmerle; Stephanie Ruffino; Toni Losi; Marty Eckert work 1/30/20 5pm - 6pm

BIBLE STUDY... There will be no Bible Study this week.

RCIA...A prayer before reading the Scriptures:
Inspire us to read our Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. We beg you to give us real understanding of what we read, that we in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So we ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into our hearts. Amen


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS....The children being prepared for **First Reconciliation** are having their 3rd class. Reconciliation will be celebrated at the beginning of March.

First Communion students and parents are learning about how the Eucharist is about Making Peace-with God and others. **Parents are meeting in the Winter Chapel at 10:15am.**

HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times. For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org. All calls are confidential and pre-registration is required. Next weekend date is February 14-16.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE 2020...will be held here at Holy Spirit Church Saturday, **March 21st** at 5:00pm. Ticket sales will begin the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th and will be available after both weekend Masses and at the rectory during business hours. **Ticket price is \$15.**This is a very popular event and sells out very quickly. **Our first planning meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 3rd at 6pm in the Church Hall.** If you are interested in helping with the planning and preparing of this event please come and join us or call Karen at (875-8102).

HOLY SPIRIT ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

 Wednesday, February 26 from 4:00-8:00pm, in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$12 and are now available after both weekend Masses or at the rectory during business hours. Once again we are asking for volunteers for a Fish Fry Committee. Please call Karen at 875-8102 if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

THEME TRAY EVENT. "Let's Make a Deal" is the theme of the basket raffle on **February 7 at Cardinal O'Hara High School**, 39 O'Hara Rd., Tonawanda; sponsored by the Home School Association. "Let's Make a Deal" games will take place throughout the evening. Doors open at 6:30 pm, followed at 7 pm by the first basket pulled. A 50/50 split and big ticket items will also be featured. Proceeds will help fund post-prom activities. For tickets, call 716-695-2600 or visit www.cardinalohara.com.

2019 TAX STATEMENTS

Tax Statements will be available starting January 1, 2020. If you need a copy printed for your 2019 tax preparations, please fill out the bottom portion of this box and put it in an envelope in the weekend collection (Attn; Karen) or call the rectory office during regular business hours to request a statement (875-8102).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____



A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Our Roman Catholic Church is structured sacramentally. Through the course of these past two thousand or so years, our faith has come to be celebrated through these seven Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Priesthood and the Anointing of the Sick. We believe that Jesus Christ is actually present in and through each of these sacraments. In this article I would like to share some thoughts regarding the Anointing of the Sick, which is sometimes called the Sacrament of the Sick as well as "Last Rites."

In fact, it seems to me that there once was a time when the Sacrament of the Sick was thought of almost exclusively as being for the last moments of life. And, of course, it is especially appropriate when one is dying, as it is a sacrament of healing in all ways, that is, both physical and spiritual. But it is also well-celebrated whenever along life's journey someone is in need of the healing power and grace of Jesus. I have received the Sacrament of the Sick twice in my own life, first when I was hospitalized at the age of twenty, and then again ten years ago before undergoing surgery. I was grateful to the priests who Anointed me. I found it to be a rather profound experience, both spiritually and emotionally, one which I still recall all these years later.


But far more important have been the countless times I have had the graced experience of administering this Sacrament of the Sick to others, usually parishioners. I remember a particular call at 2:00am years ago from a hospital's Emergency Room. I remember walking over a bloodied floor as I approached the accident victim, himself near death. I recognized him from his faithful presence at Mass. After I Anointed him, I quietly promised him I would pray for him, and asked him to pray for me. I later walked back out into a star-filled sky, very aware of how grateful I was to have been called to go see him. He died by the time morning dawned. But he died having been Anointed. And I was glad I went when I did.

Last week, a parishioner kept me informed about a fellow parishioner who had been hospitalized during the night. When I went to see him he kept saying the same thing over and over, "I think I am dying." And he asked me for a blessing. As of this writing he is still living. But I found the experience to be profound. After all, I (and you) may also someday become deeply aware of our own mortality, of our own dying, and of our desire for blessing. I could not have given him the Sacrament of the Sick had it not been for the parishioner who had told me of his hospitalization. I am grateful to her for this basic act of Christian charity on his behalf. If you know someone who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please let me know, since without you telling me, chances are that I may not otherwise be aware. And would it not be a terrible thing for someone to wonder why their priest did not come to see them, when in fact it was simply because no one told me that they were sick?

Please pray for our sisters and brothers who are in hospitals and nursing homes.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Joe

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